

In the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating biometric security in a smartcard transaction system comprising:

detecting a proffered biometric at a sensor communicating with said system to obtain a proffered biometric sample, wherein said proffered biometric sample is associated with at least two accounts, wherein each of said at least two accounts includes at least one of: a charge card account, a credit card account, a debit card account, a savings account, a private label account and a loyalty point account;

verifying the said proffered biometric sample; and

facilitating a selection of an account from said at least two accounts; and

authorizing a transaction upon said selection of said account and verification of the said proffered biometric sample,

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of detecting further includes detecting a said proffered biometric at a said sensor configured to communicate with said system via at least one of a smartcard, a reader, and a network.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of detecting includes at least one of: detecting, storing, and processing a said proffered biometric sample.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of detecting further includes receiving a finite number of proffered biometric samples ~~during a transaction.~~

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of detecting includes logging each proffered biometric sample.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of detecting further includes at least one of detecting, processing and storing ~~at least one~~ a second proffered biometric sample.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of verifying includes comparing a said proffered biometric sample with a stored biometric sample.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein comparing a said proffered biometric sample with a said stored biometric sample includes comparing a said proffered biometric sample with a biometric sample of at least one of a criminal, a terrorist, and a cardmember.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of verifying includes verifying a said proffered biometric sample using information contained on at least one of a local database, a remote database, and a third-party controlled database.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of verifying includes verifying a said proffered biometric ~~scan~~ sample using one of a local CPU and a third-party security vendor.

11. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising associating said data packet with a personal identification number to facilitate access to said data packet.

12. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of detecting said proffered biometric sample includes detecting at least one of: a retinal scan, an iris scan, a fingerprint scan, a hand print scan, a hand geometry scan, a voice print scan, a vascular scan, a facial scan, an ear scan, a signature scan, a keystroke scan, an olfactory scan, an auditory emissions scan, and a DNA scan.

13. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of detecting said proffered biometric sample includes detecting said proffered biometric sample, wherein said proffered biometric sample is associated with a preset transaction limit on at least one of: said charge card account, said credit card account, said debit card account, said savings account, said private label account and said loyalty point account.

14. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said at least two accounts are unassociated accounts.